(c) whether Government would like to reconsider its decision of ceasefire; and

(d) the details of the role to be played by the security forces, if NSCN (IM) acts against the local Kuki population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. Two formal rounds of talks were held with the Chief Ministers of concerned States, on 28th September 2000 and on 2nd March, 2001.

(c) Prime Minister held a meeting with the elected representatives from Manipur on 8th July, 2001. It has been decided that ceasefire agreement including the words "without territorial limits" would be reviewed. Prime Minister is taking a meeting with the Chief Ministers of six North-Eastern States and Governor Manipur on 27th July, 2001 on this regard.

(d) The security forces are fully authoritised to take all such actions as are required as per the law of the land to protect the people including the local Kuki population.

Effect of Maoist/ISI activiites in Uttaranchal

† 325. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Maoist and ISI activities in Nepal and its likely effect on Uttaranchal and adjoining plain and hilly areas; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate some special safety plan for Uttaranchal which is having inadequate police and is being run under Patwari system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government propose to strengthen the existing 9 border posts along Uttaranchal-Nepal Border (275 Kms.) by better policing, intellignece collection and establishing new border posts.

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† Origanl notice of the question was received in Hindi.